

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT BRANCH

Washington, D.C. 20570

Via email

February 1, 2023

Re: FOIA Request NLRB-2023-000621

Dear Kara Mahoney:

This is in response to your request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, received on January 13, 2023, in which you seek the formal records in *Mapbox*, Case No. 20-CA-283393. You assumed financial responsibility for the processing of your request in the amount of \$37.00.

We acknowledged your request on January 13, 2023. You have provided the required certification of identity, through your request submitted via FOIAOnline, confirming that you are an involved party in the case. Given this certification, references to your name and information about you are being released to you.

Your request is granted in part and denied in part, as explained below.

A search of the Agency's electronic casehandling system, NxGen, has been conducted. This search has located the requested records (68 pages), which are attached.

After a review, I have determined that portions of the attached records are exempt from disclosure under Exemptions 6 and 7(C) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C)). Specifically, redactions have been made to protect the privacy interests of individuals named in the records. These redactions were made pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, which protects personally identifiable information, the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and FOIA Exemption 7(C), which protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C).

As stated above, references to your name and information are being released to you here because you affirmed that you are an involved party in this matter. You will note, however, that certain redactions were applied to the records. As discussed above, these redactions are necessary and appropriate because of the significant personal privacy interests held by other individuals mentioned or

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referenced in the records. The fact that you may be aware of individuals' names, titles, and dates of certain events, or was personally involved in the events arising out of this case does not negate *others'* privacy interests protected by FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C). See, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) v. Nat'l Insts. of Health, 745 F.3d 535, 542 (D.C. Cir. 2014) (stating "the fact that an event is not wholly private does not mean that an individual has no interest in limiting disclosure or dissemination of the [requested] information.").

For the purpose of assessing fees, we have placed you in Category D, the "all other requesters" category, because you do not fall within any of the other fee categories. Consistent with this fee category, you will be assessed charges to recover the reasonable direct costs for searching for the requested records, except that you will not be charged for the first two hours of search. NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(d)(2)(ii)(D). Charges for all categories of requesters are \$9.25 per quarter hour of professional time. 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(d)(2)(i).

Less than two hours of professional time was expended in searching for the requested material. Accordingly, there is no charge assessed for this request.

You may contact Timothy Bearese, the Attorney-Advisor who processed your request, at (202) 273-3752 or by email at Timothy.Bearese@nlrb.gov, as well as the Agency's FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and/or to discuss any aspect of your request. The FOIA Public Liaison, in addition to the Attorney-Advisor, can further explain responsive and releasable agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, and/or discuss how to narrow the scope of a request in order to minimize fees and processing times. The contact information for the FOIA Public Liaison is:

Kristine M. Minami FOIA Public Liaison National Labor Relations Board 1015 Half Street, S.E., 4th Floor Washington, D.C. 20570 Email: FOIAPublicLiaison@nlrb.gov

Telephone: (202) 273-0902 Fax: (202) 273-FOIA (3642)

After first contacting the Agency, you may additionally contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration

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8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS College Park, Maryland 20740-6001

Email: ogis@nara.gov Telephone: (202) 741-5770 Toll free: (877) 684-6448 Fax: (202) 741-5769

You may obtain a review of this determination under the NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(c)(2)(v), by filing an administrative appeal with the Division of Legal Counsel (DLC) through FOIAonline at: https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home or by mail or email at:

Nancy E. Kessler Platt Chief FOIA Officer National Labor Relations Board 1015 Half Street, S.E., 4th Floor Washington, D.C. 20570 Email: DLCFOIAAppeal@nlrb.gov

Any appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal should contain a complete statement of the reasons upon which it is based.

Please be advised that contacting any Agency official (including the Attorney-Advisor, FOIA Officer, or the FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS does not stop the 90-day appeal clock and is not an alternative or substitute for filing an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: (68 pages)